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1. the Argentine Government, through the personal intervention of President Peron, has given the ecclesiastical Curia 500,000 pesos as a subsidy for the Mariano Congress recently celebrated in Lujan. The organizing commission of the Congress had agreed that Peron should make a speech and that it would be he who would then consecrate the country to the Virgin Mary.
2. The program was changed, however, because some of the clergy were greatly disturbed by this excessive intervention of the Government and Army in the Congress, and they felt that it detracted from the religious significance of the meeting.
3. As a protest against the changes in program, Peron and his wife did not appear, nor were any members of the Government present. To minimize the effects of this friction, Cardinal Caggiano delivered a discourse in which he eulogized the Government and the Army in the highest terms.
4. It is noted that both of the cardinals, Copello and Caggiano, have been Vicar-Generals in the Army, and therefore maintain close friendship and understanding with many persons in the Army.

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